Economic prices for oilseeds

*275. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICUTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fix economic prices for oilseeds to encourage production of edible oils, and cut the imports,; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) and (b) It is the established policy of the Government to fix minimum support prices of major agricultural commodities, including oilseeds such that these not only cover the costs of production but leave a sufficient margin to the farmer as an incentive for higher production. Minimum support prices are thus fixed at remunerative leaves. For the current marketing season the minimum support prices fixed for various oilseeds are as under:—

	(Rs./qtl.)
—Groundnut	350
—Soyabean (black)	250
—Soyabean (yellow)	275
—Sunflower	335
—Rapeseed-Mustard	385

(for 1984-85 crop)

Over the last few years the minimum support prices of oilseeds have been progressively increased each year in order to provide an additional incentive towards higher production of indigenous oilseeds and in turn reduce the imports of edible oils.

Closing down of Television Centre at Pij, District Kaira in Gujarat

*276. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Television Centre at Pij, District Kaira in Gujarat is to be closed down and disbanded;

(b) whether Government have alternate plans to continue SITE programmes from Pij;

(c) whether Government are aware that a public agitation against the decision of Government to shift Television Centre is continuing for the last three months; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL). (a) Operation of the 1 KW TV !ransmitter at &Pij has been stopped 'I? with effect from July 25, 1985 as the areas sII3Id by this transmitter are being satisfactorily covered by the 10KW TV transmitter commissioned at Ahmedabad on the that date.

(b) The rural developmental programmes produced by the Space Application Centres, Ahmedabad and put out earlier from the Transmitter at Pij continue to be tellcast by the transmitter at Ahmedabad and are thus now a ailable to much wi?Ir viewership.

(c) and (d) Closing down of the TV transmitter at Pij has in no way affected the viewers of Kaira district of Gujarat in as much as as the 10 KW TV transmitter at Ahmedabad fully covers the areas covered by the 1 KW transmitter 1 KW transmitter at Pij and the programmes put out from the Pij transmitter continued to be telecast